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*Production of coal from the Neyveli area.*

* 258 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the coal found at Neyveli Lignite area in South Arcot was used by the factories ; and if so, the names of the factories and the result thereof;

(b) how much coal was produced from the Neyveli area ; and

(c) the cost of ordinary coal used by the factories and the railways and the estimated cost of the coal of the Neyveli area per ton?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, the brown coal mined from the lignite area was used in the following Industries :—

(1) The East India Sugars and Distilleries, Ltd., Nellikuppam.

(2) Kannan Rice Mills, Tiruchirappalli.

(3) Basin Bridge Power Station, Basin Bridge, Madras.

(4) Vallampadugai Brickworks, Vallampadugai, South Arcot.

(5) Southern Railway at their Pumping Station at Valapadi, South Arcot.

(6) Sri Krishna Tile Works, Madras.

The results proved that the lignite could be used successfully and economically in each of the above industries in place of coal.

" (b) One hundred and fifty tons approximately.

" (c) The cost of coal received in the Madras State varies from Rs. 35 per ton to Rs. 70 per ton depending on the mode of transport of the coal from Coalfields in Northern India.

The cost of coal from Neyveli area cannot be estimated till the Pilot Project which is being worked to obtained this ano certain other data are completed. But it is expected that it may be well within economic limits and even at the initial stages, the cost may not exceed Rs. 35 per ton anywhere within the Madras State."

*Conversion of shrotriyam villages into ryotwari villages.*

* 259 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of shrotriyam villages converted into ryotwari villages under the Zamindari Abolition Act up to 30th June 1953 in South Arcot district ; and

(b) the total amount of compensation paid so far?

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THE HON. SRI M. A MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Thirty-nine.

" (b) Out of 39 estates taken over, only 30 are eligible for advance compensation and 9 are eligible for tasdik allowance. The half total compensation deposited with the Tribunal in respect of the 30 estates is Rs. 3,12,843. This amount represents the net amount deposited after deducting half the Government dues. A sum of Rs. 11,594 was also paid as interim payment for these estates for each of the faslis 1361 and 1362. For the remaining 9 estates a sum of Rs. 8,861–8–11 was paid as interim payment for each of the faslis 1361 and 1362."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether survey and settlement have been undertaken in respect of these villages and if not, when they will be taken up? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I do not think this district has been taken up yet. Every effort is being made to hasten survey and settlement process."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" Sir, may I know the difference between shrotriyam village and ryotwari village? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not know whether in the brief time available, I can educate the hon. Member on that subject."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said in his reply that 39 villages had been converted. May I know whether the village Melvalapur(?) in Gingee taluk is included in that number? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think so, Sir. The figure relates to all the estates in the whole district."

*Purchase of filtering equipment for water-supply in the City.*

* 260 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Corporation of Madras made any representation requesting for funds for purchasing machinery and filtering equipments in respect of water-supply to the City of Madras;

(b) when the iron pipes and fittings were replaced by cement pipes and what happened to the old iron pipes; and

(c) the amount of subsidy and loan applied for?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) The exact places where the old pipes were replaced have not been indicated in the question. Generally, when the old cast iron and galvanized iron pipes are removed and replaced by new pipes, the old pipes so removed are taken